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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF THE TOUR OF DUTY OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

NICSMA: LT GEN W.E. LOTZ, USA

REF: USNATO 5427

1. SUMMARY: IN REF MESSAGE, MISSION NOTED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL NICSMA (BUCHS) DESIRED TO RETAIN LT GEN WALTER E. LOTZ, JR., USA. DDG NICSMA UNTIL JULY 1975 BECAUSE OF NEED FOR HIS EXPERTISE DURING CRITICAL PHASE OF NICS PLANNING. AS FORECAST IN REF, I HAVE NOW RECEIVED PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL LETTER FROM SEC GEN LUNS (QUOTED BELOW) REQUESTING EXTENSION OF GEN LOTZ' S TOUR WITH NICSMA UNTIL JULY 1, 1975. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO REF. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN QUOTE OF LETTER FROM LUNS:

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NICSO CHARTER (1), THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATO INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM MNAGEMENT AGENCY (NICSMA) ARE APPOINTED PERSONALLY BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NICSO POLICY COMMITTEE AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

I SHOULD RECALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT,  
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AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS TO THESE POSITIONS, IT WAS INFORMALLY AGREED BY THE NATIONS THAT, BECAUSE OF THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUITY IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGENCY,

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE INITIAL TOURS COULD BE FOR A  
MINIMUM OF FOUR YEARS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NICSO POLICY COMMITTEE  
RECENTLY RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR LT. GENERAL  
LOTZ'S EXTENSION FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, NICSMA;  
A COPY OF THIS REQUEST IS ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER.  
COMMENT: REQUEST NOT TRANSMITTED. END COMMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE, ACTING  
ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY, HAS RECEIVED A UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT  
OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT FULLY THE REQUEST  
FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
GENERAL. FURTHER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY  
COMMITTEE HAS INDICATED HIS SUPPORT.

FOR THE REASONS STATED IN THE DIRECTOR  
GENERAL'S LETTER AND BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE  
MOST UNFORTUNATE TO LOSE GENERAL LOTZ'S SERVICES IN  
JUNE OF THE COMING YEAR, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU  
COULD SECURE THE AGREEMENT OF YOUR NATIONAL  
AUTHORITIES TO AN EXTENSION OF GENERAL LOTZ' TOUR  
WITH NICSMA UNTIL 1ST JULY 1975.  
END QUOTE  
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